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Nucleic Acid Molecules Using Multiple

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Inventors: CHESNUT et al.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. PTO Fee Transmittal (PTO/SB/17);
- 2. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the appropriate fees;
- 3. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a);
- 4. Reply to Restriction Requirement;
- 5. Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
- 6. Form PTO-1449 citing two documents;
- 7. A copy of each of the cited documents (AI7 and AJ7); and
- 8. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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